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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

READY TO START.

Coxey's Army of the Commonweal
Weal a Small One,

But It Expects Many Recruits
Along the Road.

MANY NEWSPAPER MEN

Arrive at Massillon Today to
Report the Affair.

Tents Are Pitched on the Gun
Club Grounds.

MASSILLION, March 24.—The march of the "commonweal army" to the national capital will be inaugurated on time tomorrow at precisely one-half an hour after noon.

This is the declaration made today by the originator and leader of this extraordinary pilgrimage, and seconded and confirmed by Earl Browne, of California, his chief lieutenant. According to present indications the army will be but a few hundred strong when it starts out, but next recruits, not merely singly or in pairs, but by the hundreds, are expected to join the march. Every stopping place and Commander Coxey is anxious that when he reaches the national capital he will be at the head of a hundred thousand American citizens.

He is well-rid at the head of the army, wearing a combination suit of blue and gray, and carrying the emblem of the commonweal, white flag of peace. Mr. Coxey himself will follow in a carriage drawn by six white horses, while Lieutenant Earl Browne will bestride a noisy stallion.

The object of the pilgrimage is already well known. On the arrival of the army at Washington it will round up before the capitol and demand the enactment of two bills. One of these authorizes the secretary of the treasury to issue five hundred million dollars of treasury notes to be expended in the improvement of the country roads of the country, and the second authorizes municipalities to issue non-interest bearing bonds and to secure notes thereon.

On its way to Washington the army is to be fed by the voluntary contributions of the sympathizers along the route, and as usual has been issued to farmers, capitalists, and laboring men, to bring forth liberally of their funds to the end that the strangers within their gates may be permitted to go unharmed.

The first stop, from now evening, will be at Bucyrus in this state, four miles distant, where two hours will be devoted to refreshment and organization. Canton will be reached at 3 o'clock, and here meetings lasting until midnight will be held on the main street.

The march will be resumed in the morning to Louisville, Ohio, where meetings will be held on Monday night. Washington is to be reached on May 1st. The authorities of Canton have sworn in an extra squad of police in case the demonstration should take an objectionable turn, and many other towns which the army is to pass through have followed suit.

THEIR TENTS PITCHED.

The Army of the Commonweal Establishes a Camp.

MASSILLION, Ohio, March 24.—Tents were pitched on the gun club grounds today. Their meetings will be held and recruits will lodge tonight if they desire. There are yet few signs of the coming army.

Twenty-two tramps were given lodgings at the police station last night. The number is unusual, and Mayor Williams says they are probably not recruits, for on being released they scattered and have not reappeared.

It is said that 400 Salvation Army soldiers will arrive today from Cleveland and that a delegation of 150 will come from Medina. Captain Fister of the Salvations here, says it is four and not five hundred who will come from Cleveland.

The Salvation Army he says, is not in sympathy with Coxey's movement and considers the petitions of Coxey to bring Christ and the use of his picture in the banner sacrilegious.

W. H. Herk of the commission reports some new contributions of provisions and supplies today. These are from local merchants and others who are probably moved more by a desire to protect themselves than by sympathy with the cause.

TWENTY NEWSPAPER MEN

Now on the Ground at Massillon Ready
For the March to Begin.

MASSILLION, Ohio, March 24.—Interest in Coxey and his Washington pilgrimage seems to decrease in direct proportion to distance from his rendezvous. Little of it anywhere in serious, notwithstanding the large number of unemployed everywhere.

There is little stir of excitement here today, which when analyzed is found to be chiefly wonder if the petition to the court is really going to materialize. There are about twenty newspaper correspondents here, and the army is less numerous at this writing.

Coxey and Brown landed in this morning from the former's residence and seemed to be very busy with preparations for the march which is to begin tomorrow.

A note to Coxey from Columbus signed by a man named Ney, promising two horses, must be bogus, there being no such man in the city directory at Columbus.

EAST LIVERPOOL COXEYITES.

Defeated Candidates for City Marshal to Head 400 Men.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, March 24.—Wm. Wilson of New York, an agent of Coxey, the Massillon reformer, visited this city and Wellsville today. He says over 500 men from here, mostly striking potters, will join the Coxey forces to Beaver Falls April 1, and 200 from Wellsville.

In this city John W. Hassey and James Green, both defeated candidates for city

marshal on the Democratic ticket, are marching the East Liverpool forces. They assert that over 400 men in this city have signed the roll. John Nicholson is agent for the Wellsville brigade.

A COMPANY AT BRAZIL

Mysterious Strangers at Indiana Town Getting 50 Men.

BRAZIL, Ind., March 24.—A stranger arrived in the city today, and is making an effort to organize a company of fifty men to join Coxey in his march to Washington. The organizer claims he is meeting with success, but refuses to give his name.

THE FEELING AT WASHINGTON.

Congressmen Do Not Oppose the Coming of the "Industrial Army."

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Three men were gathered at the Washington headquarters of Coxey's column in the Reichs hall today, but there was no sign of activity about the premises. Col. Redstone, who is managing the affairs of the army at this terminus of the march, cherishes constantly swelling expectations, however, and today estimates the forces which will arrive on the first of May at 300,000 men.

The publication yesterday of the fact that special permission from congress is required to congregate on the capital grounds does not discourage Col. Redstone in his expectation of leading the army up to the steps of the capitol and through the doors, if necessary.

"No one can prevent American citizens from congregating in the capitol," he said, "but I have a doubt congress will grant permission if we ask for it. There will be no disorderly men allowed in the parlors, and Commander Coxey is anxious that when he reaches the national capital he will be at the head of a hundred thousand American citizens."

DECAYED EGGS

Are the Mansions of War Used in the Toledo Street Car Strike.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 24.—The street car strike is still going on. The company is advertising in Chicago for 100 employees, because it is impossible to get the required number here. Efforts are being made constantly to run cars, but every imaginable difficulty is thrown in the way.

When a new man starts out with a car he finds himself a target for rotten eggs, and by the time he reaches the company's office on Summit street he abandons his post and some officer of the company runs the car back to the barns.

Every car is so battered with stale eggs that few persons are brave enough to ride in them. The police are endeavoring to arrest the egg throwers, but the missiles come out of the midst of the sympathizing crowds, and the effort to identify the offender is futile.

DAMAGE SUITS BEGUN.

Persons Injured in Railroad Weeks Sues in the United States Court.

Four damage suits against railroads have been filed in the United States circuit court. The first was that of George W. Spencer, who was hurt in the Linwood wreck near Kansas City several months ago. Besides the Rock Island and Union Pacific for \$20,500 each. He claims his injuries are permanent, and the accident due to carelessness.

Curtis C. Armstrong, a postal clerk, sues the Rock Island for \$10,000. He claims permanent injuries from a wreck in Pottawatomie county last winter.

George West, a drayman, sues the Missouri Pacific for \$10,000. He was hurt at Adair by the engine running into some carts, due to the engineer losing control of the engine.

CHANGE IN TIME.

The Santa Fe Trains Change Time Tomorrow.

A new Santa Fe time-table goes into effect at midnight. The trains out of Topeka will leave earlier as follows:

Eastbound—10:40 a. m.; 5:25 a. m., and 7:30 a. m.; 2:00 p. m.; 3:40 p. m., and 4:35 p. m.

Westbound—10:40 a. m.; 11:50 a. m.; 2:30 p. m.; 3:00 p. m., 11:30 p. m.

St. Joseph—Eastbound, no change; 5:15 a. m.; 4:40 p. m. arrive from St. Joseph at 11:30 a. m.; 12:30 p. m.

Manhattan branch—No change; leaves at 7:30 a. m., and arrives 9:30 p. m.

BURLINGTON MAY COME.

A rumor that Topeka may get another railroad line.

The latest story in railroad circles is that Topeka is to have a new railroad, according to the current rumors the Burlington, which a month ago extended its lines into Leavenworth, will close a contract for the operation of the now abandoned line of the Leavenworth, Topeka & Southwest railroad which runs to Meriden within nine miles of Topeka and will build from Meriden into Topeka, giving them a direct line of their own into the capital of Kansas and giving Topeka an additional railroad, running direct to Chicago.

THE BURLINGTON CASE.

If Republican Lawyer Johns Talks Popular Lawyer Mary Lease Will Also.

The call for the equal suffrage mass meetings on May 9 and 10 will be signed by a day or two, and will be signed by twenty-five of Topeka's citizens.

These citizens have the right to select any other speaker they choose, and to that end have invited Mrs. Mary E. Lease to speak. Mr. Dr. Wallace, Mrs. S. A. Thurston and Miss Olive P. Bray, are against this.

Mrs. Lease will speak, as will also Mrs. Laura M. Johns, Annie L. Dugay, and several speakers of national reputation.

Mr. Eva Harding, president of the Topeka equal suffrage association, has the arrangements in charge.

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